(c) what are the main reasons for the same and what steps are being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the reference to take-over and merger is in the context of the provisions of sections 23(4) and 23(2) respectively of the MRTP Act, 1969, involving companies registered under the said Act. Government have not carried out any amendment of the said provisions in recent years which could encourage corporate conflicts. During 1988, Government approved twenty five applications for take-over and twenty applications for merger/amalgamation under the said provisions of the MRTP Act.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position stated in (a) and (b) above.

Clearing of waiting list of LPG connection in Orissa

2884. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is at Present the number of persons in the waiting list for LPG connections in Orissa especially in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities;

(b) by when the list is likely to be cleared;

(c) how many towns are covered under LPG distribution scheme in Orissa; and

(d) by when all the towns of the State are likely to be covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on January 31, 1989, there were aproximately 30,000, 3.000 and 2,800 persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Orissa, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack respectively;

(b) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including in Orissa in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers subject to augmentation in availability of LPG;

(c) As on January 31, 1989, 43 towns of Orissa were covered under LPG distribution.

(d) The oil industry is normally taking up, in a phased manner, towns/cities all over the country including Orissa, with population of around 20.000 and above (as per 1981 Census) which offer sufficient potential for viable marketing of LPG.

Sale of Borotone Antiseptic Cream

2885. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Borotone of KMP Coconut Oil Company is a basic formula got approved by the company under drug licence No. HL-605-M as printed on its tubes;

(b) whether he is also aware that to increase the sale of the product the manufacturers got a sticker affixed on the tubes showing the product as Ayurvedic to enable each and every shopkeeper to sell their product even without obtaining a drug licence;

(c) whether selling of homoeopathic products by putting stickers of Ayurvedic products is permissible under the rules; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take against the manufacturers for his type of cheating?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.